

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for providing object change information
2 from a first system to a second system for synchronizing the second system with
3 the first system, the second system having an object cache for storing objects, the
4 method comprising the steps of:
5 changing an object in the first system;
6 determining an minimal-object change set which information-representing
7 a changes made to the object in the first system, wherein the object change set
8 includes:
9 a primary key value that identifies the object; and
10 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names
11 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the
12 object; and
13 ~~distributing-sending~~ the object change ~~information-set~~ directly from the
14 first system to the second system to cause the second system to ~~merge-apply~~ the
15 object change ~~information-set~~ into the corresponding object in the second system's
16 cache so as to synchronize the second system with the first system, wherein the
17 second system is registered in the first system prior to ~~distributing-sending~~ the
18 object change information from the first system to the second system, wherein the
19 registration process causes the first system to know that the second system wants
20 to receive object change information of objects changed in the first system,

21 thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register with every object it
22 is interested in.

1 2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a step
2 of establishing a communication link between the first system and the second
3 system wherein the distributing step distributes the object change information
4 from the first system to the second system through the communication link.

1 3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the establishing
2 step establishes the communication link based on a publish/subscribe protocol.

1 4. (Canceled).

1 5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a step
2 of sending the object change information to a database for updating the object in
3 the database with the object change information.

1 6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 receiving an error message from the database when the updating of the
4 object in the database fails; and
5 discarding the object change information prior to the distributing step in
6 response to the error message.

1 7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first system
2 includes an object cache for storing one or more objects, and the method further

3 comprises a step of merging the object change information into the object cache of
4 the first system.

1 8. (Canceled).

1 9. (Canceled).

1 10. (Canceled).

1 11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first system
2 includes a cache for storing one or more objects, the method further comprising
3 the steps of:

4 receiving object change information distributed from the second
5 system and containing information of changes made to one or more objects in the
6 second system; and

7 merging the object change information received from the second
8 system into the objects in the cache of the first system to synchronize the first
9 system with the second system.

1 12. (Currently amended) A method for providing object change
2 information from a first system to a second system for synchronizing the second
3 system with the first system, the first system having a first object cache for storing
4 one or more objects and the second system having a second object cache for
5 storing one or more objects, the method comprising the steps of:

6 determining ~~minimal~~ object change sets ~~information which~~ representing a
7 changes made to ~~an~~ objects in the first system, wherein an object change set
8 includes:

9 a primary key value that identifies the object; and
10 a set of attribute changes which contains the attribute
11 names and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed
12 in the object; and
13 ~~distributing-sending~~ the object change ~~information-sets~~ directly from the
14 first system to the second system to cause the second system to ~~merge-apply~~ the
15 object change ~~information-sets~~ into corresponding objects in the second object
16 cache so as to synchronize the objects in the second cache of the second system
17 with the changed objects in the first system, wherein the second system is
18 registered in the first system prior to ~~distributing-sending~~ the object change
19 information from the first system to the second system, wherein the registration
20 process causes the first system to know that the second system wants to receive
21 object change information of objects changed in the first system, thereby
22 eliminating the need for the second system to register with every object it is
23 interested in.

1 13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 further comprising a
2 step of establishing a communication link between the first system and the second
3 system wherein the distributing step distributes the object change information
4 from the first system to the second system through the communication link.

1 14. (Canceled).

1 15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 further comprising a
2 step of sending the object change information from the first system to a database
3 for updating the object in the database with the object change information.

1 16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 15 further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 receiving an error message from the database when the updating of
4 the object in the database fails; and
5 discarding the object change information prior to the distributing
6 step in response to the error message.

1 17. (Canceled).

1 18. (Canceled).

1 19. (Canceled).

1 20. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 further comprising steps
2 of:
3 receiving object change information distributed from the second
4 system and containing information of changes made to one or more objects in the
5 second system; and
6 merging the object change information received from the second
7 system into the objects in the first cache of the first system to synchronize the first
8 system with the second system.

1 21. (Currently amended) A synchronization executor for providing object
2 change information from a first system to a second system for synchronizing the
3 second system with the first system, the first system being capable of changing the

4 object, the second system having an object cache for storing objects, the system
5 comprising;
6 a synchronization manager for obtaining ~~minimal~~ an object change
7 ~~information set which representing represents~~ a changes made to an object in the
8 first system, wherein the object change set includes:
9 a primary key value that identifies the object; and
10 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names
11 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the
12 object; and
13 a dispatcher for distributing the object change ~~information set~~ directly
14 from the first system to the second system to cause the second system to ~~merge~~
15 apply the object change ~~information set~~ into the corresponding object in the
16 second system's cache so as to synchronize the object in the second system with
17 the first system, wherein the second system is registered in the first system prior to
18 distributing the object change information from the first system to the second
19 system, wherein the registration process causes the first system to know that the
20 second system wants to receive object change information of objects changed in
21 the first system, thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register
22 with every object it is interested in.

1 22. (Original) The executor as claimed in claim 21 wherein the
2 synchronization manager establishes a communication link with the second
3 system and the dispatcher distributes the object change information to the second
4 system through the established communication link.

1 23. (Previously presented) The executor as claimed in claim 22 wherein
2 the synchronization manager establishes the communication link based on a
3 publish/subscribe protocol.

1 24. (Original) The executor as claimed in claim 21 further comprising a
2 connector for obtaining the object change information that is distributed from the
3 second system.

1 25. (Canceled).

1 26. (Canceled).

1 27. (Canceled).

1 28. (Currently amended) A persistence system for synchronizing an object
2 on a network, the network including a caching system having an object cache for
3 storing objects, the persistence system comprising;

4 a transaction manager for changing an object and determining an minimal
5 object change set which information-representing the changes made to the object,
6 wherein the object change set includes:

7 a primary key value that identifies the object; and

8 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names

9 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the

10 object for updating a database; and

11 a synchronization executor for obtaining the object change ~~information set~~
12 from the transaction manager and distributing the object change ~~information set~~ to

13 the caching system to cause the caching system to ~~merge~~apply the object change
14 ~~information~~set into the corresponding object in the cache so as to synchronize the
15 object in the object cache with the changed object in the persistence system,
16 wherein the second system is registered in the first system prior to distributing the
17 object change information directly from the first system to the second system,
18 wherein the registration process causes the first system to know that the second
19 system wants to receive object change information of objects changed in the first
20 system, thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register with every
21 object it is interested in.

1 29. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 28 further comprising a
2 persistence system cache for storing one or more objects.

1 30. (Canceled).

1 31. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 28 wherein the
2 synchronization executor establishes the network, and the dispatcher distributes
3 the object change information via the established network.

1 32. (Currently amended) Computer readable media storing instructions for
2 use in the execution in a computer of a method for providing object change
3 information from a first system to a second system for synchronizing the second
4 system with the first system, the second system having an object cache for storing
5 objects, the method comprising the steps of:

6 changing an object in the first system;

7 determining ~~minimal-an~~ an object change information set which representing
8 represents changes made to the object in the first system, wherein the object
9 change set includes:
10 a primary key value that identifies the object; and
11 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names
12 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the
13 object; and
14 ~~distributing-sending~~ the object change ~~information-set~~ directly from the
15 first system to the second system to cause the second system to ~~merge-apply~~ the
16 object change ~~information-set~~ into the corresponding object in the second system's
17 cache so as to synchronize the second system with the first system, wherein the
18 second system is registered in the first system prior to ~~distributing-sending~~ the
19 object change information from the first system to the second system, wherein the
20 registration process causes the first system to know that the second system wants
21 to receive object change information of objects changed in the first system,
22 thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register with every object it
23 is interested in.

1 33. (Currently amended) Electric signals for execution in a computer of a
2 method for providing object change information from a first system to a second
3 system for synchronizing the second system with the first system, the second
4 system having an object cache for storing objects, the method comprising the
5 steps of:

6 changing an object in the first system;

7 determining ~~minimal-an~~ an object change information set which representing
8 represents changes made to the object in the first system, wherein the object
9 change set includes:

10 a primary key value that identifies the object; and
11 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names
12 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the
13 object; and
14 ~~distributing~~ ~~sending~~ the object change ~~information set~~ directly from the
15 first system to the second system to cause the second system to ~~merge~~ apply the
16 object change ~~information set~~ into the corresponding object in the second system's
17 cache so as to synchronize the second system with the first system, wherein the
18 second system is registered in the first system prior to ~~distributing~~ ~~sending~~ the
19 object change information from the first system to the second system, wherein the
20 registration process causes the first system to know that the second system wants
21 to receive object change information of objects changed in the first system,
22 thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register with every object it
23 is interested in.

1 34. (Currently amended) A computer program product for execution in a
2 computer of a method for providing object change information from a first system
3 to a second system for synchronizing the second system with the first system, the
4 second system having an object cache for storing objects, the computer program
5 product comprising:

6 a module for changing an object in the first system;
7 a module for determining an minimal-object change information set which
8 ~~representing~~ ~~represents~~ a changes made to the object in the first system, wherein
9 an object change set includes:

10 a primary key value that identifies the object; and

11 a set of attribute changes which contain the attribute names
12 and the new attribute values of attributes that were changed in the
13 object; and
14 a module for ~~distributing~~ sending the object change information ~~set~~
15 directly from the first system to the second system to cause the second system to
16 ~~merge-apply~~ the object change information ~~into~~ the corresponding object in the
17 second system's cache so as to synchronize the second system with the first
18 system, wherein the second system is registered in the first system prior to
19 distributing the object change information from the first system to the second
20 system, wherein the registration process causes the first system to know that the
21 second system wants to receive object change information of objects changed in
22 the first system, thereby eliminating the need for the second system to register
23 with every object it is interested in.